

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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ESIC
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to bring un-organised workers into the ESIC scheme;
- (b) if so, the criteria laid down for it;
- (c) whether there is any scope for including self-employed workers and labour into the ESIC scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The ESI Scheme is mainly financed by contribution from the employers and the employees. Accordingly the scheme has been conceived as compulsory scheme and its application/coverage is restricted to certain notified areas. Therefore, it has not been considered possible to include self-employed workers under the ESI Scheme.